

Today's News - December 23, 2005

EDITORS NOTE: ArchNewsNow is taking a break and will return Tuesday, January 3. We wish everyone a very merry and safe holiday and a wondrous New Year! — CNU rebuts the Gray Lady's report about New Urbanist Gulf Coast charrette. — Why can't sprawl and smart growth get along? Why is "density" a dirty word? — Good news/bad news: architects and developers offer their takes on global development trends. — Good news/bad news for China's skyline: "American and Chinese architects need to learn how to make buildings," says Yung Ho Chang. — High praise for a new school for troubled teens in the U.K.. — Plans move forward for Great Egyptian Museum. — Detroit's architectural hits and misses for 2005 (a bridge that looks like a football?). — Three L.A. architects try to be positive in their 2005 reviews. — Two historic Seattle-area homes can be had for a song (or for free) - all you have to do is move them before demolition crews move in. — A forgotten Soane gem beautifully restored. — A call for presentations for June symposium that will investigate how environments and systems can interact and respond to their occupants. — One we couldn't resist: a cultural anthropologist takes a lighthearted look at what you can do with all your leftover holiday bubblewrap. — See you next year!

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[Op-Ed: Gulf Bogey: When The New York Times linked CNU planners to an alleged scheme to replace a neighborhood with a golf course, it blundered and missed a larger story on renewing Coastal Mississippi. By John Norquist and Stephen Filmanowicz/Congress for the New Urbanism- PLANetizen](#)

[Op-Ed: Can't Smart Growth And Sprawl Just Get Along? Problems with nomenclature may prevent "smart growth" -- or high-density housing -- from being used appropriately, including targeting the right audience. If the vast majority of people want "sprawl", should they get it? By Rick Bishop, AICP- PLANetizen](#)

[Dialogue: Global Design and Development Trends: A group of architectural and development professionals and thinkers discuss their views about recent trends across the globe. -- EDAW; Urban Age Institute; Morris Architects; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Sasaki Associates; Paul Steelman Design Group; Aardex Corporation- Urban Land Institute \(ULI\)](#)

[New Blueprints for China's Skyline: It's not about pagoda-shaped skyscrapers, says Beijing architect Yung Ho Chang. It's about buildings that affect people's daily lives -- Atelier FCJZ- Business Week](#)

[A lesson in managing trouble: ...a new school for youngsters with emotional and behavioural difficulties is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. -- Anderson, Bell, Christie- The Scotsman \(UK\)](#)

[Plans unveiled for \\$550 million museum near the Pyramids: The Great Egyptian Museum will display 100,000 artefacts and hopes to attract five million visitors a year -- Heneghan Peng; Metaphor \[image\]- The Art Newspaper](#)

[Architectural hits and misses of 2005: Some new buildings are hits: Super Bowl XL makeover helps. By John Gallagher -- Luce et Studio; TMP Associates; SmithGroup; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Minoru Yamasaki- Detroit Free Press](#)

[2005 Shaken & Stirred: In the mix: Mayne; Koshalek; Cuff- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Demolition looms for historic home: In the era of the 1962 World's Fair, the dream of a "flexible house" became a reality for commercial architect Robert Allan Adams. \[link to images\]- Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#)

[Hydro legend's \\$800,000 house priced to move: Being offered free to anyone who will move it...the low-slung, light-filled rambler is a nearly museum-perfect example of 1950s luxury living. -- Roland Terry \(1949 \[images\]- Seattle Times](#)

[Restoration of a lost treasure: It was sold for just £1, but returning a forgotten architectural gem to its former glory has cost £7m and counting...Moggerhanger House -- Sir John Soane \(1812\) \[images\]- Expat Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Call for Presentations: 2006 Subtle Technologies Symposium: Responsive Architectures in Toronto, June; deadline: January 31- Subtle Technologies Festival](#)

[Cat Conditioner and Fish Tank Liner: Practical Uses for Bubblewrap: A futurist and cultural anthropologist takes a lighthearted look at one of those ubiquitous holiday essentials- Newswise](#)

[Dec. '05 Build Business: Why Hire a Marketing Staff? No longer considered unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for savvy A/E/C firms.](#)

[-- SANAA/Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa: Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio](#)

[-- Under construction: Gehry & Partners: IAC Headquarters, New York City](#)

[Some assembly required: Walker Art Center looks at recent trends in contemporary prefabricated architecture. Prefab architects say they can make artfully designed homes more accessible to the general public. -- Alchemy Architects; Charlie Lazor/FlatPak; Joseph Tanney; Michelle Kaufman \[slide show\]- Minnesota Public Radio](#)

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